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Tenders for the construction of the new out-patients dispensary in Madras General Hospital.

*1211-B *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the new building for out-patients dispensary in the Madras General Hospital has been given in a lump sum contract, and if so, to whom;

(*b*) whether a certain date was fixed as the last day for receiving the tenders and whether the time was afterwards extended, and if so, what were the reasons for extension;

(*c*) how many tenders were received on or before the day originally fixed for receiving tenders and how many were received during the extended time;

(*d*) whether the company to whom the contract has been given had given the tender before the date originally fixed or only after that and if in the latter case whether any reason was given by the company for not giving the tender in proper time and whether its tender was accepted;

(*e*) whether the tender was in proper form and satisfied the conditions and details required for lump sum contracts;

(*f*) whether the company to which the contract has been given is a registered company, and if so, what its subscribed and paid-up capital is;

(*g*) if it is not a registered company, who are its partners;

(*h*) whether the company has done any big work before this for the Government;

(*i*) how long the company has been in existence; and

(*j*) whether the Government will be pleased to give a statement showing all the tenderers for this work with the amounts mentioned in their tenders and also whether there were among them persons who have already done big works satisfactorily and whose tenders for this work were for a lower sum than that given in the accepted tender?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The contract was given to the General Construction Company, Limited.

(*b*) *to* (*j*) The particulars have been called for from the Chief Engineer.

Excise

Excise revenue in the Ganjam district.

*1212 *Q.*—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state the revenues of the Ganjam district from Excise for each of the years 1926 and 1927?

A.—Figures are not available for calendar years. The figures for the official years 1926-27 and 1927-28 are as follows:—

		RS.
1926-27	... ...	13,82,838
1927-28	... ...	14,54,761

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda:—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether there are any special reasons for this increase in the excise revenue?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"I am not able to say."